

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning line 1 of the section headed "DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART", with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- With conventional wheelchairs, there is a need of manually braking a wheelchair severally when a user goes away from the wheelchair. Therefore, in the case where a user goes away from a wheelchair failing to apply braking, there is a possibility that the wheelchair begins to move the moment the user puts a hand or hands on the wheelchair trying to move the user's body weight to the wheelchair again. --

Please replace the abstract beginning at page 32, line 2, with the following rewritten abstract:

-- A wheelchair has actuation plates provided in juxtaposition with the seat to descend when a user sits on the seat to lower the seat with the user's weight and to ascend when the user rises from the seat to permit the seat to return with removal of the weight[.]. A brake means is mounted on the axle shafts to brake the axle shafts and energized constantly in a non-braking direction[.], and levers ~~Levers~~ are coupled directly or indirectly to the brake means to move according to descending motions of the actuation plates ~~to act on the brake means~~ to put the brake means in a non-braking state and to move according to ascending motions of the actuation plates ~~to act on the brake means~~ to put the brake means in a braking state. Biasing devices for evacuating legs that extend from the seat and/or steps that are mounted onto the legs. --